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- 1. ACCORDING TO FCO, BHUTTO'S VISIT TO UK LAST MONTH WAS FULL OF SWEETNESS AND AT LEAST SOME LIGHT. BHUTTO WAS ON HIS BEST BEHAVIOR AND HIT IT OFF EXCELLENTLY WITH HEATH. HE ASKED FOR NOTHING, AND HE HAD NO UNKIND WORDS FOR ANYONE. THUS HEATH DID NOT HAVE TO MAKE USE OF VOLUMINOUS BRIEFING NOTES FCO HAD PROVIDED HIM TO REACT TO BHUTTO'S COMMENTS OR REQUESTS.
- 2. AS A RESULT BRITISH VIEWS OF GOP ARE CONSIDERABLY ROSIER THAN BEFORE VISIT (SEE REFTEL). BRITISH ARE STILL OBSERVING CLOSELY AND DRAWING NO HASTY CONCLUSIONS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO BEING HELPFUL WHEN THEY CAN--AS IN THE CASE OF FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN (REPORTED SEPARATELY).
- 3. COMMENT: WE SUPPOSE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL

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UK-PAKISTANI "DETENTE" HAVE BEEN ABSENCE OF RECENT GOP

ENCOURAGEMENT TO TROUBLESOME PAKISTANI ELEMENTS IN BRITAIN, AS WELL AS PERHAPS BAD IMPRESSION OF STUBBORNNESS MADE ON BRITISH BY MUJIB DURING BRIEF LONDON AIRPORT STOPOVER ALSO LAST MONTH. BRITISH NOTE THAT RECENT NEW DELHI AGREEMENT APPARENTLY RESULTED FROM PAKISTANI DECISION TO TAKE RISK AND TRUST INDIANS ON QUESTION OF WAR CRIMES TRIALS. THIS TOO IS LIKELY TO INCREASE BRITISH RESPECT FOR GOP.

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